

## Message Text

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R 280241Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9042  
INFO CINCPACREPPHIL SUBIC  
NAVY JAG WASHDC

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FOR L/EA NORTON FROM BUTLER

E O 11652: NA  
TAGS: ACLM, SREF, VS  
SUBJ: BONG HONG 9

REF: STATE 092796

1. MR. RAY BAILEY, CONSULAR OFFICER, AND LTC JERRY BUTLER, LEGAL ADVISER, CANNOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL ANY MEETING WITH MR. ROBERT SANCHELLI PER PARA 2 REFTEL.
2. MR. BAILEY STATES HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY DECISION AS TO THE BONG HONG 9. HIS RESPONSIBILITY WOULD HAVE BEEN TO THE REFUGEES AND WHILE HE CANNOT RECALL THE BONG HONG 9 REFUGEES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE WAS CONSULTED ON ALLOWING THE REFUGEES TO PROCEED TO TAIWAN BUT THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN HIS CONCERN.
3. DURING PERIOD IN QUESTION, LTC BUTLER RECEIVED MANY TELEPHONE INQUIRIES ABOUT VARIOUS SHIPS, BOATS, TUGS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CRAFT THAT HAD BROUGHT REFUGEES TO SUBIC.

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HE WOULD NORMALLY REFER THESE INQUIRIES TO LT. BUFFINGTON, SUBIC LEGAL OFFICER, NOW WITH THE NAVY JAG LITIGATION DIVISION IN WASHINGTON, DC. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LTC BUTLER COULD HAVE RELAYED INFORMATION, AFTER COORDINATION WITH SUBIC, AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF SPECIFIC VESSELS; BUT HE HAS NO DIRECT RECOLLECTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING

BONG HONG 9 OR WHO MADE INQUIRIES CONCERNING SUCH.

4. ONLY REFERENCE FOUND IN OUR FILES TO BONG HONG 9  
IS CONTAINED IN A COMUSNAVPHIL MESSAGE TO CINCPACFLT  
DTG 111043Z JUNE 75. BELIEVE LT. BUFFINGTON BEST  
SOURCE TO RECONSTRUCT EVENTS. HOWEVER, CONCUR IN  
DEPARTMENT'S POSITION PARA 4 REFTTEL. ALSO GOP WOULD  
HAVE NORMALLY BEEN ADVISED THROUGH THE BASE PHILIPPINE  
MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE OF DEPARTURE OF REFUGEE  
VESSELS FROM SUBIC DURING THIS VERY HECTIC TIME.  
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